

Remarks

Applicant notes with appreciation the Examiner's indication that claims 1-14 are now in condition for allowance. Applicant requests reconsideration of claims 15-17 that stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Sands et al. (US 6,064,569) in view of the above amendments to claim 15. Applicant also respectfully requests reconsideration of claim 18 that stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sands et al. also in view of the above amendments to claim 15.

Claim 15 has been amended to include the concept of providing a carrier body defining an ejection spring that engages a portion of the disk drive storage apparatus housing to facilitate disconnecting the disk drive from the housing. This additional element added to claim 15 is analogous to the concept that it is the focus for the Examiner's statement for reasons for allowance of claims 1-10 in the Office Action dated September 2, 2005.

It is respectfully submitted that claims 15-18 are now in condition for allowance based upon the amendments to claim 15. Applicant has attempted to place this case in condition for allowance. The Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this case to issue.

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